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SUBJECT: DAYAN ON DIVIDING LINES IN SINAI

1. JERUSALEM POST SEP 25 CARRIES PIECE BY ITS ARAB AFFAIRS REPORTER (WHO HAS RECORD OF FREQUENT AND SUBSTANTIAL INACCURACIES), CITING ALLEGED ISRAELI CABINET SOURCE TO EFFECT THAT DAYAN IN JULY SUBMITTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO CABINET FOR SINAI WITH MAP OF AREA ISRAEL SHOULD RETAIN PERMANENTLY. MAP SUPPOSEDLY GAVE ISRAEL FAIRLY NARROW STRIP OF SINAI PARALLEL TO PRE-1967 BOUNDARY, PLUS SOUTHERN HALF OF SINAI PENINSULA, I.E. LEAVING INTER ALIA ABU RODEIS OIL FIELDS IN ISRAELI HANDS. TO SUBSTANTIATE ASSERTION ABOUT KEEPING SOUTHERN HALF OF PENINSULA, WRITER ALLEGES CABINET IN JULY DISCUSSED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ALONG NOT ONLY EAST COAST OF SINAI (ON GULF OF AQABA), BUT ALSO TWO ON WEST COAST (AT ABU RODEIS AND A-TOR ON GULF SUEZ).

2. THAT THERE ARE THOSE IN ISRAEL WHO WANT ISRAEL TO KEEP ABU RODEIS COMPLEX AND OTHER PARTS OF SOUTHERN SINAI, THERE IS NO DOUBT. SHARM EL-SHEIKH LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER, FOR  
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EXAMPLE, RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT ISRAELIS HAD FOUND SWEET

WATER AT A-TOR AND INTENDED TO BUILD PIPELINE FROM A-TOR TO SHARM EL-SHEIKH TO FACILITATE LARGE SCALE CIVILIAN SETTLEMENT THERE. ALSO, PRESS CURRENTLY HAS STORIES ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT FACTORY AT ABU ZNIMA (NORTH OF ABU RODEIS).

3. BUT NOTION THAT DAYAN NOW ENVISAGES SINAI DIVISION ALONG EAST-WEST RATHER THAN NORTH-SOUTH AXIS IS EXTREMELY HARD TO BELIEVE. DAYAN HAS ALWAYS HAD SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AND NOT ECONOMICS UPPRMOST IN HIS SINAI THINKING. NOTHING IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS OVER YEARS HAS INDICATED EAST-WEST AXIS EVEN AS POSSIBLE SCENARIO. IN AUGUST 1972 AND FEBRUARY 1973 PUBLIC STATEMENTS DAYAN TALKED CLEARLY IN TERMS OF NORTH-SOUTH DIVIDING LINE IN SINAI FOR SAKE OF SECURITY, AND THIS IS IDEA WHICH ACCORDING TO PRESS OF RECENT DAYS HE HAS BEEN REFINING FURTHER.

4. WE ARE ALSO HIGHLY DUBIOUS OF NOTION THAT DAYAN SUPPORTER WOULD HAVE PLANTED JERUSALEM POST STORY FOR SOME MANEUVERING PURPOSE. INSTEAD, WE SUSPECT STORY WAS FED TO PRESS BY SOMEONE WHO DOES FAVOR EAST-WEST DIVIDING LINE IN SINAI AND WHO CHOSE FOR WHATEVER REASON FALSELY TO ATTRIBUTE IDEA TO DAYAN.  
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